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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Reissue Application: )  
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Application No.: 09/986,720 )  
) Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Filed: November 9, 2001 )  
) Examiner: Unknown  
Reissue of U.S. Patent No.: 6,089,410 )  
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Inventor: Thierry Ponton )  
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Issued: July 18, 2000 )  
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For: PUMP-TYPE PACKAGING UNIT FOR )  
A LIQUID OR SEMI-LIQUID PRODUCT )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**DECLARATION OF THIERRY PONTON**

I, Thierry Ponton, hereby declare that:

1. My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name.
2. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,089,410 and in the above-identified reissue patent application.
3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified reissue application, including the claims as amended in the Preliminary Amendment

filed on November 9, 2001.

4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

5. I hereby claim the benefits of foreign priority under Title 35, United States Code, section 119 of French Patent Application No. 97 10708, filed August 27, 1997.

6. I believe that U.S. Patent No. 6,089,410 is partially inoperative by reason of my having claimed less than I had a right to claim. Independent claims 1, 8, 18, 22, 24, 28, and 29 recite "a body forming a reservoir for the product and having a fixed portion surmounting the reservoir." Such a body is not required to practice certain aspects of the invention.

7. All errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of the present Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on my part.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false

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statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or any patent issuing thereon.



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